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TAGS: EAIR, GH, OTRA (BOAKYE DAPAAH, RICHARD)

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR GHANAIAI AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER TO VISIT
NEW YORK FACILITIES

REFS: A. ACCRA 8858 B. FAA WASHDC 061853Z DEC (NOTAL)

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1. IN REPLY REFTEL B, MR. BOAKYE DAPAAH'S TITLE IS AIR
TRAFFICE CONTROL OFFICER, GRADE 2 (I.E., TOWER CONTROLLER).
PURPOSE REPORTED TO BE FAMILIARIZATION WITH TOWER PRO-
CEDURES IN US; I.E., TERMINAL. LIKE ALL EDUCATED
GHANAIAIANS, HE IS FLUENT ENGLISH. NEEDS NO LODGING;
STAYING WITH FRIEND.

2. TO EMBASSY'S SURPRISE, WE WERE INFORMED DEC. 7 THAT
BOAKYE DAPAAH LEFT ACCRA FOR AMSTERDAM VIA KL 580
MORNING OF 7TH, AND PLANS TO PROCEED TO NEW YORK
SHORTLY THEREAFTER -- CIVIL AVIATION DEPT. ACCRA,
INCLUDING HIS SUPERVISOR, HAS NO INDICATION OF NEW
YORK ARRIVAL TIMING, FLIGHT, OR EXACT DURATION OF
VISIT. HE HAS BEEN GIVEN BY HIS SUPERVISOR NAME OF
JOHN WILSON, 111 FEDL. BLDG., JFK INTL. AIRPORT,
TEL. 995-9502 AS CONTACT. "IF HE IS WELCOME, THEN
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FINE; IF NOT, HE WILL STAY AWAY." EMBOFF ASSURED

SUPERVISOR HE WOULD BE WELCOME BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE
ADVANCE NOTIC SO THAT SPECIFIC PROGRAM CAN BE ARRANGED.
EMBOFF ALSO WARNED ABOUT UPCOMING HOLIDAY PERIOD.

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3. IT APPEARS THAT GOG PAYING FOR BOAKYE DAPAAH'S
TRIP, WHICH STRIKES US AS PURE BOONDOGGLE. WE SUSPECT
THAT HE MAY SIMPLY BE ON A CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP.
THE MORE SUSPICIOUS MIGHT WONDER, HOWEVER, IF HE
MIGHT NOT BE CARRYING SOMETHING PAST U.S. CUSTOMS.

4. EMBASSY REGRETS THIS END RUN. WE WILL RAISE AT
APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY WITH DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION.

5. FOR FAA BRUSSELS: REGRET WE HAVE NO INDICATION
OF WHERE OR HOW LONG HE STAYING AMSTERDAM. HOWEVER,
IF HE CONTACTS TOWER PERSONNEL YOU MAY BE ABLE TO
REACH HIM THERE. HIS NAME PRONOUNCED BO-ATCH-EE
DA-PA.
SMITH

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